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PREFACE.

THE design of this work is encouragement for the YOUNG. The author's brief experience and observation have taught him that Youth need encouragement, advisedly given, more than any thing else. Every word of hearty cheer is a breath of inspiration to those just entering upon life's solemn duties. Every book breathing trust and hope, mingled with the friendly suggestions of wisdom and experience, is of real value to them. What if they have read others? Another may still be useful. Shall they hear no sermon next Sabbath, because they heard one last? Shall no book on religion be published, because the Bible is in the hands of all?

One book read only prepares the way for an-

other, though it may be on the same subject. The sight of one scene of beauty gives us a taste for another. The formation of one friendship warms the heart for another.

Every writer can write for some minds, and no one can write for all. In hopes that a kindred chord may be struck in the minds of some Youth, which shall awaken them to a higher life, and a deeper realization of their own importance, and the beauty and immense utility of virtuous living, this work is sent out. Go, little book, and as thou dost go, speak of thy mission to the Youth thou dost meet; and the Father's blessing be upon thee!

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